

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- (1) A method comprising the steps of:
- receiving an item;
- 5 placing the item within a storage facility;
- identifying a modification to be made to the item;
- dynamically locating said item within said storage facility;
- performing said modification to said item; and
- 10 shipping said item when said modification has been made to said item.
- (2) The method of claim 1 wherein said item comprises a vehicle.
- (3) The method of claim 2 wherein said step of
- 15 dynamically locating said item comprises the steps of:
- placing a selectively readable tag on said item; and
- remotely reading said tag.
- (4) The method of claim 3 wherein said tag is an electronic tag which is selectively read from a remote
- 20 location.
- (5) The method of claim 4 further comprising the steps of:
- creating certain status indicator after said modification has been identified.

(6) The method of claim 5 wherein said certain status indicator is effective to prevent said item from being shipped.

(7) The method of claim 5 wherein said certain status indicator is selectively programmed into said tag.

(8) The method of claim 7 further comprising the step of:

eliminating said certain status indicator after said modification has been performed.

(9) The method of claim 8 wherein said certain status is selectively removed from said tag after said modification has been performed.

(10) The method of Claim 1 wherein said item is placed into a first location within said storage facility, moved to a second location, and located after said item has been moved to said second location.

(11) A method for maintaining the quality of a plurality of produced products comprising the steps of:

receiving said plurality of products;

placing a remotely readable electronic tag on each of said products;

placing said plurality of products within a storage facility;

receiving a service request for at least one of said plurality of products;

creating a certain indicator;

associating said certain indicator with said at least one product, effective to prevent said at least one product from being shipped;

remotely locating said at least one product by use
5 of said tags; and

providing service to said at least one product, thereby maintaining the quality of said at least one product.

(12) The method of claim 11 wherein each of said
10 plurality of products comprise vehicles.

(13) The method of claim 12 wherein said step of associating said certain status indicator with said at least one product comprises selectively placing said indicator within said tag residing upon said at least one
15 product.

(14) The method of claim 13 wherein said at least one product is stored at a certain location and said certain location is stored within a computer system.

(15) A method comprising the steps of:

20 receiving a plurality of vehicles;

placing a selectively readable tag on each of said plurality of vehicles, each of said tags including first data uniquely identifying the vehicle upon which said tags respectively reside;

25 interrogating each of said tags to receive said respective first data of each of said vehicles;

receiving a service notification relating to at least one of said vehicles;

associating a certain status with said at least one of said vehicles;

5 determining said location of said at least one of said vehicles by interrogating said tag residing upon said at least one of said vehicles; and

performing service to said located at least one of said vehicles, effective to correct said undesirable characteristic and prevent said at least one of said vehicles from being shipped with said undesirable characteristic.

(16) The method of claim 15 wherein said vehicles are placed within a storage yard.

15 (17) The method of claim 16 wherein said status is programmed into the tag which is disposed upon said at least one of said vehicles.

(18) The method of Claim 15 wherein said at least one of said vehicles is positioned at a first location and is moved to a second location at which said tag residing upon said at least one of said vehicles is interrogated.

(19) The method of Claim 17 further comprising the step of removing said certain status from said tag which is disposed upon said at least one of said vehicles.

25 (20) The method of Claim 19 wherein said certain status is resident within a computer.